

**256G.4 Research and development school — governance.**

1. The board of regents shall be the governing entity of the research and development school and as such shall be responsible for the faculty, facility, grounds, and staffing.

2. The department shall be the accreditation agency and as such shall serve as the authority on teacher qualification requirements and waiver provisions.

3. a. A seventeen-member advisory council is created, composed of the following members:

(1) Three standing committee members as follows:

(a) The director.

(b) The president.

(c) The director of the research and development school, serving as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

(2) Ten members, as follows, who shall be jointly recommended for membership by the president and the director, shall be jointly approved by the state board of regents and the state board of education, shall serve three-year staggered terms, and shall be eligible to serve for two consecutive three-year terms on the council in addition to any partial, initial term:

(a) One member representing prekindergarten through grade six public school teachers, who is also a participating member of a teacher quality committee created pursuant to [section 284.4, subsection 1](#), paragraph “c”.

(b) One member representing grade seven through grade nine public school teachers, who is also a participating member of a teacher quality committee created pursuant to [section 284.4, subsection 1](#), paragraph “c”.

(c) One member representing grade ten through grade twelve public school teachers, who is also a participating member of a teacher quality committee created pursuant to [section 284.4, subsection 1](#), paragraph “c”.

(d) One member representing prekindergarten through grade twelve administrators.

(e) One member representing area education agencies.

(f) One member representing Iowa state university of science and technology.

(g) One member representing the university of Iowa.

(h) One member representing parents of students at the research and development school.

(i) One member representing business and industry.

(j) One member representing private colleges in the state.

(3) Four members of the general assembly serving as ex officio, nonvoting members, one representative to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one representative to be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives, one senator to be appointed by the majority leader of the senate after consultation with the president of the senate, and one senator to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

b. One of the members representing public school teachers approved for membership pursuant to paragraph “a”, subparagraph (2), subparagraph divisions (a) through (c) shall be an active teacher in the Cedar Falls community school district.

c. (1) The advisory council shall review and evaluate the educational processes and results of the research and development school.

(2) The advisory council shall provide an annual report to the president, the director, the state board of regents, the state board of education, and the general assembly.

4. a. An eleven-member standing institutional research committee, appointed by the president and the director, is created, composed of the following members:

(1) The director of research at the research and development school or the person designated with this responsibility.

(2) One member representing the university of northern Iowa.

(3) One member representing Iowa state university of science and technology.

(4) One member representing the university of Iowa.

(5) One member representing business and industry.

(6) One member representing prekindergarten through grade six public school teachers, who is also a participating member of a teacher quality committee created pursuant to [section 284.4, subsection 1](#), paragraph “c”.

(7) One member representing grade seven through grade nine public school teachers, who is also a participating member of a teacher quality committee created pursuant to [section 284.4, subsection 1](#), paragraph “c”.

(8) One member representing grade ten through grade twelve public school teachers, who is also a participating member of a teacher quality committee created pursuant to [section 284.4, subsection 1](#), paragraph “c”.

(9) One member representing the boards of school districts selected from a list of nominees submitted by the Iowa association of school boards.

(10) One member representing the department.

(11) One member representing private colleges in the state.

b. The appointed members should collectively possess the following characteristics:

(1) Be well informed about the educational needs of students in the state.

(2) Be aware of and understand the standards and protocol for educational research.

(3) Understand the dissemination of prekindergarten through grade twelve research results.

(4) Understand the impact of educational research.

(5) Be knowledgeable about compliance with human subject protection protocol.

c. One of the members representing public school teachers approved for membership pursuant to paragraph “a”, subparagraphs (6) through (8) shall be an active teacher in the Cedar Falls community school district.

d. The committee shall serve as the clearinghouse for the investigative and applied research at the research and development school.

e. The committee shall create research protocols, approve research proposals, review the quality and results of performed research, and provide support for dissemination efforts.

[2009 Acts, ch 177, §52, 57; 2010 Acts, ch 1069, §33](#)